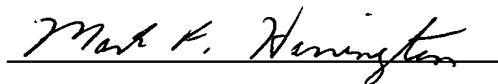


REMARKS

The amendment to the specification was made to correct a typographical error and the drawing amendment reflects the same typographical error in Fig. 3 as filed. The amendment was not made for reason related to patentability, and the full scope of equivalents for all of the pending claims should remain intact.

A favorable consideration that results in the allowance of all of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

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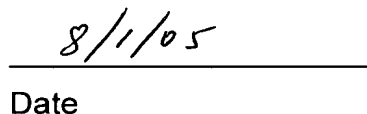
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